



**PROBLEM NO. 4**  
**BREAKING SPAGHETTI**

**Find the conditions under which dry spaghetti falling on a hard floor does not break.**

# OVERVIEW

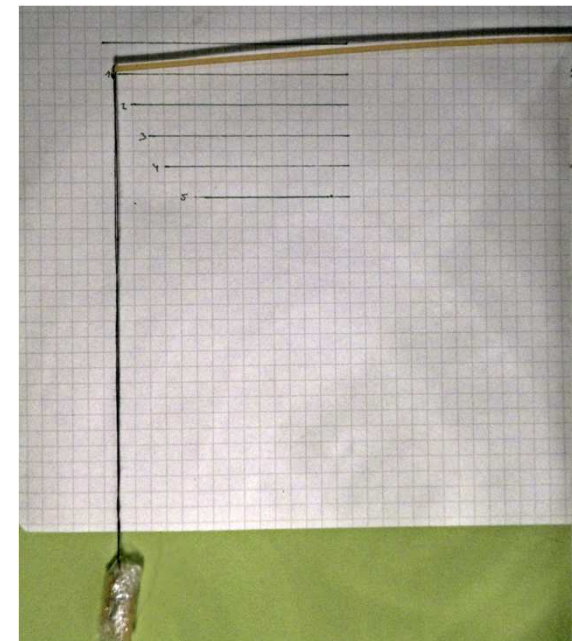
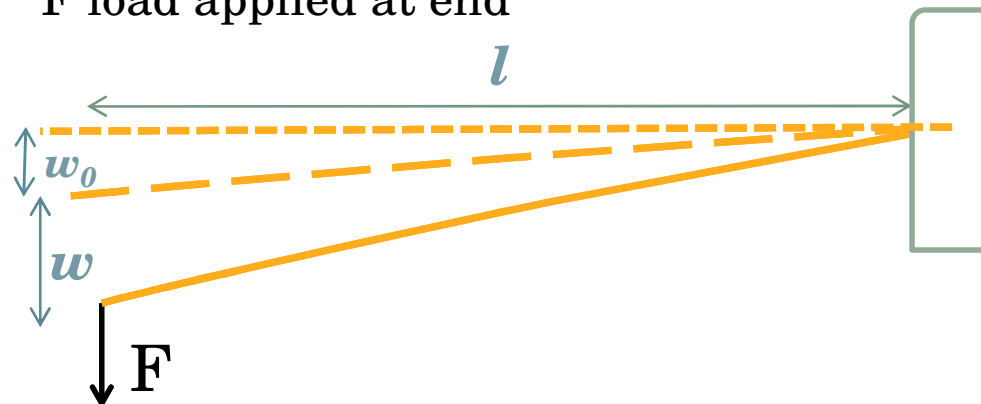
- mechanical properties
  - Young's modulus
- impact
- buckling
  - Euler's critical buckling load
  - modes
- simulation
  - fracture points
- experimental setup
  - tube, camera, debris
- results
  - weakest fracture force, various sizes
  - surface, number of spaghetti, angle dependence
  - comparison
- conclusion



# SPAGHETTI PROPERTIES

- length = 25.5cm
- mass, density – five sizes
- Young's modulus (E)
  - stress/strain ratio
  - material characteristic
- measured from beam deflection
  - $w + w_0, w_0$  initial deflection (spaghetti mass)
  - F load applied at end

mass (g)	density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
0.474	1515.474
0.627	1489.091
0.81	1486.303
0.980	1429.764
1.177	1399.133

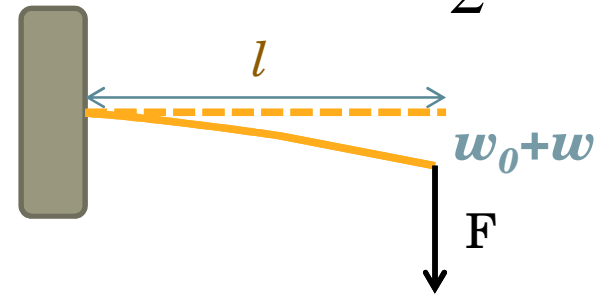


# SPAGHETTI PROPERTIES

- Young's modulus  $E$  – beam deflection

- area moment of inertia - circular cross-section

$$I = \frac{r^4 \pi}{2}$$



- applied load  $F$

- $m$  spaghetti mass,  $l$  length,  $E$  Young's modulus

- deflection for  $x = 0$ , probe beam deflection method

- bending moment

$$M = M_F = \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} EI$$

$$w = \frac{l^3 F}{EI 3}$$



# BEAM DEFLECTION – YOUNG’S MODULUS

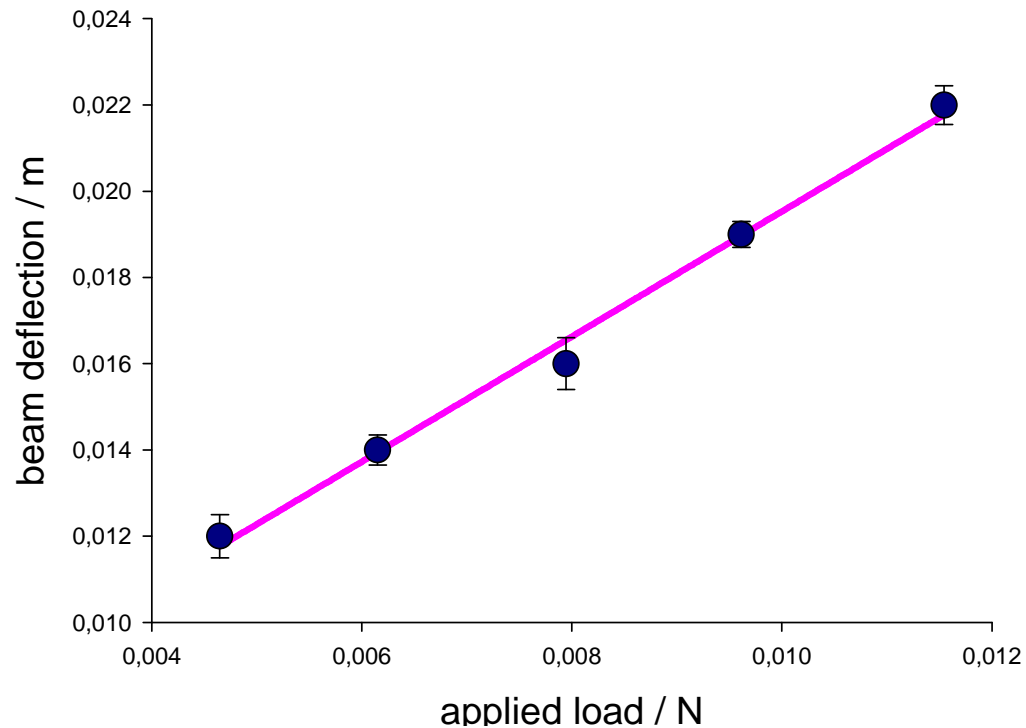
○ determined from the coefficient

- different applied loads  $F$
- deflection measurement  $y_{\max}$

$$w = w_0 + F \frac{l^3}{3EI}$$

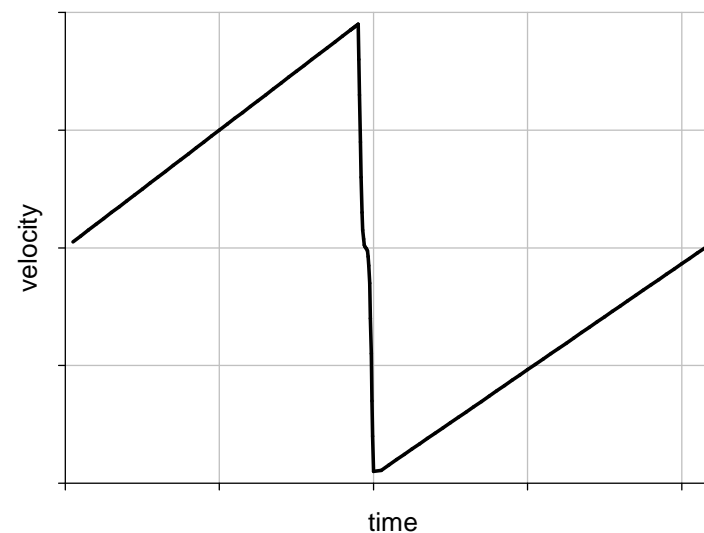
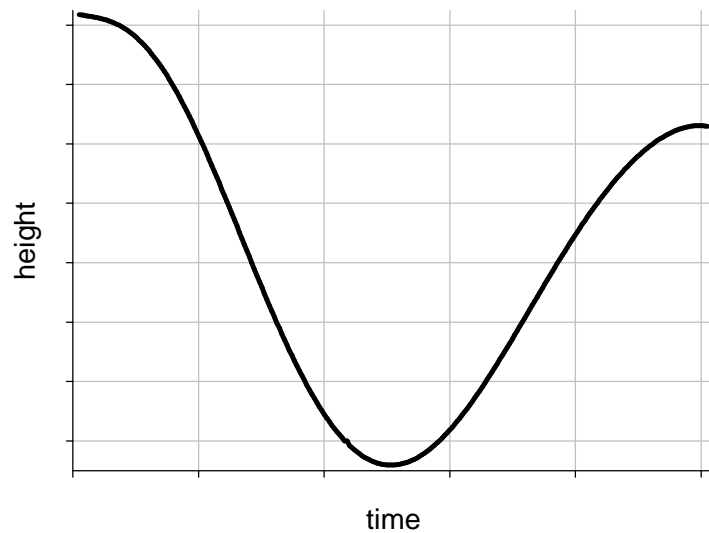
spaghetti 2

- °1
  - $1,81E+10 \text{ N/m}^2$
- °2
  - $1,76E+10 \text{ N/m}^2$
- °3
  - $1,31E+10 \text{ N/m}^2$
- °4
  - $1,04E+10 \text{ N/m}^2$
- °5
  - $9,13E+09 \text{ N/m}^2$



# IMPACT

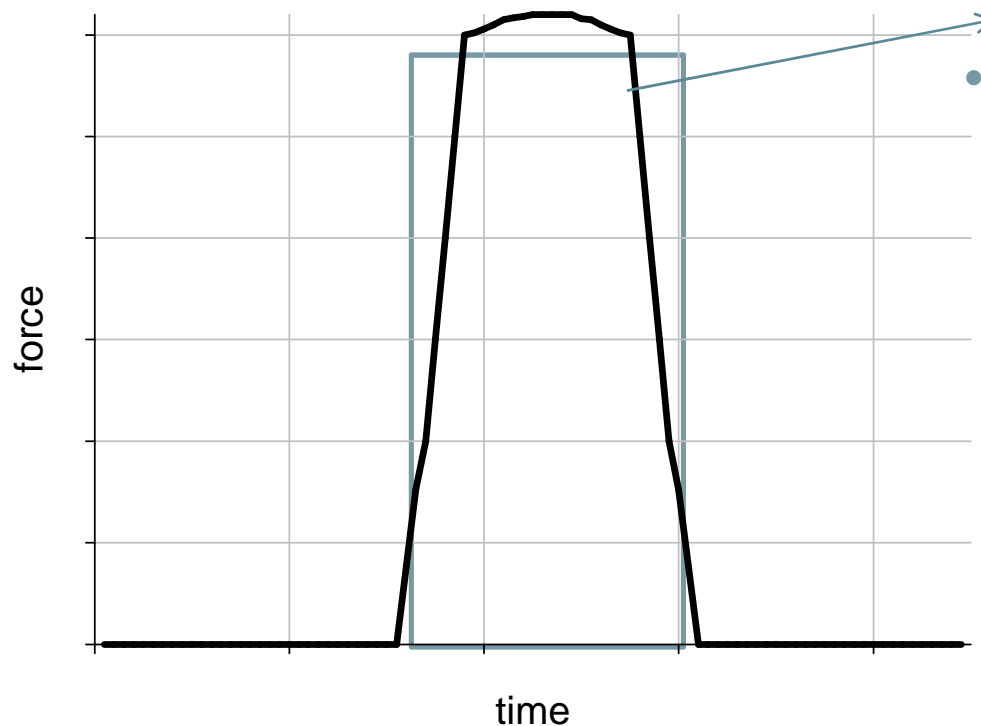
- elastic
- spaghetti fall accelerated ( $g$ )
  - *impact with the surface*
  - *both surface and spaghetti*
    - acting like springs that obey Hooke's law
    - force is proportional to the amount of deformations



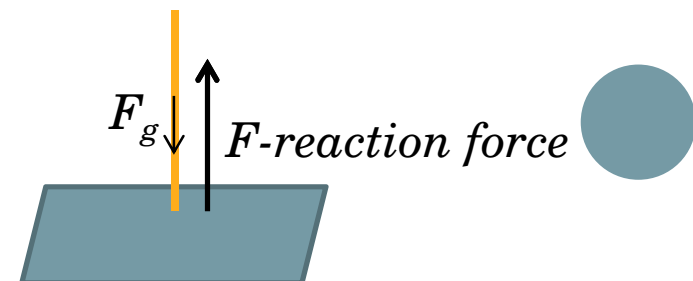
# IMPACT

○ momentum  $mdv$  is the surface force impulse  $Fdt$

- force is small at first
- enlarges to a maximum when spaghetti reverses directions
- drops down as it jumps-off

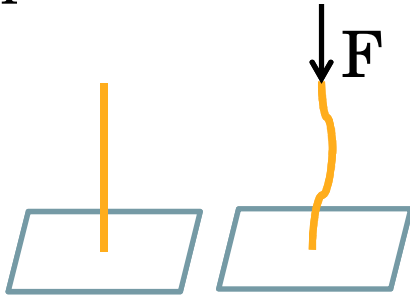


- approximated constant  $F$ 
  - interested in maximum
- varies for different surfaces
  - $m\Delta v = F\Delta t$
  - $\Delta v$  and  $\Delta t$  evaluated from video
- surface force –  $mg$
- causes spaghetti do deform
  - break



# BUCKLING

- displacement of structure transverse to load



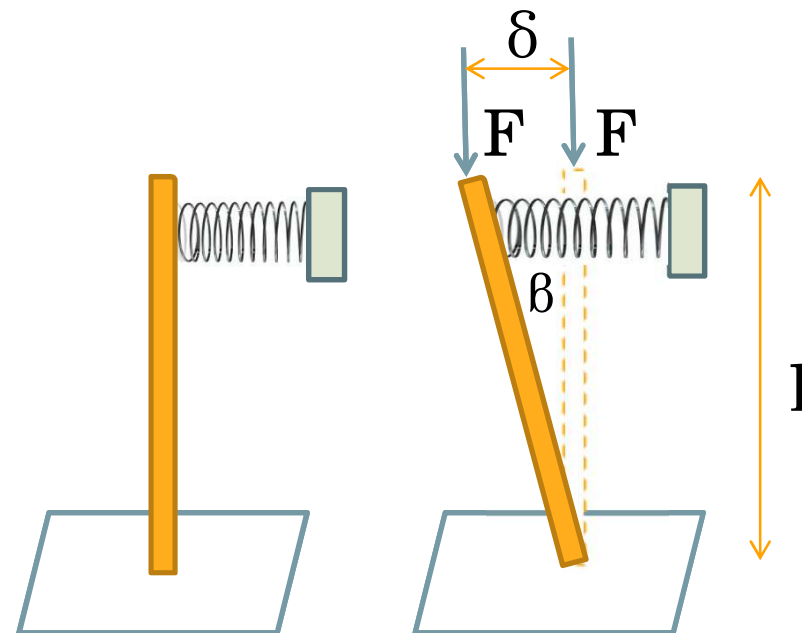
- buckling model (spring)

- elastic force moment

- $M_{el} = Fe_{ll} = k\delta l$ 
  - k-spring constant

- load moment

- $M = F\delta$

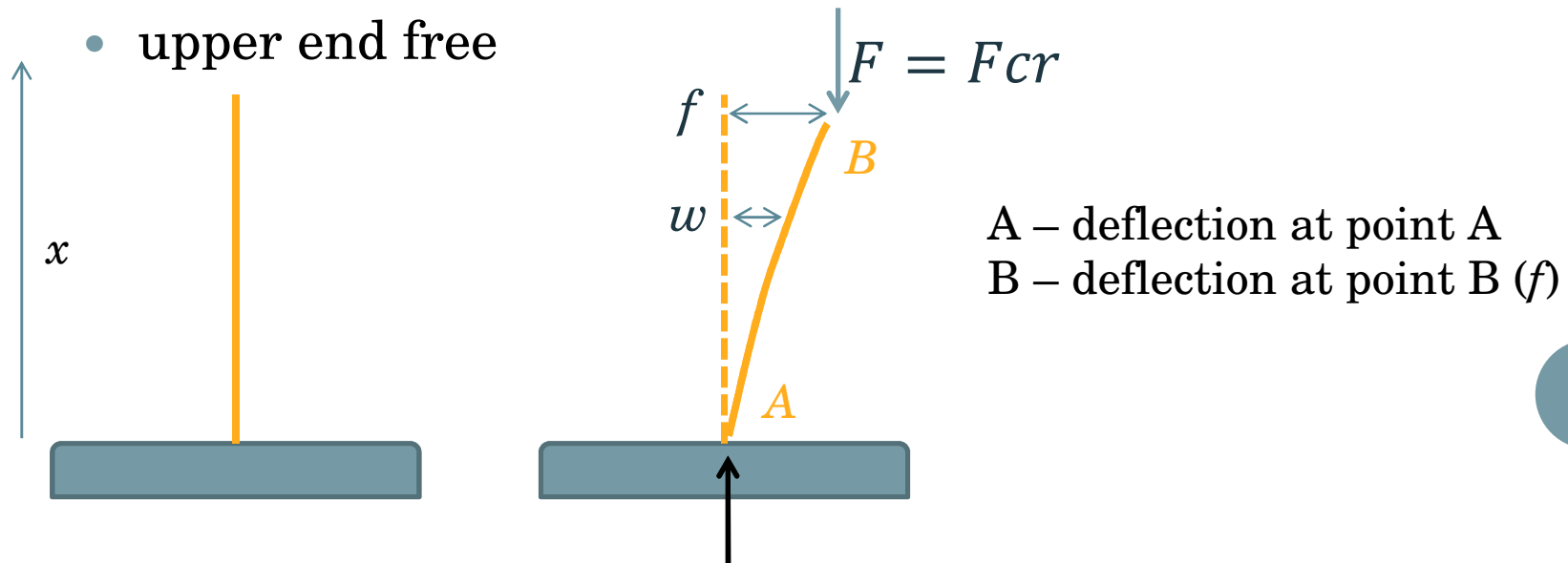


- $M < M_{el}$  stable equilibrium - beam returns to the initial position
- $M = M_{el}$  indifferent equilibrium – remains at  $\delta$ :  $F = kl$ 
  - *initial buckling occurs*
- $M > M_{el}$  unstable equilibrium – plastic deformations



# BUCKLING

- at  $M = M_{el}$  buckling occurs
  - critical condition
  - depends on the beam support type
- beam support
  - lower end simple (can rotate and slide)
  - upper end free



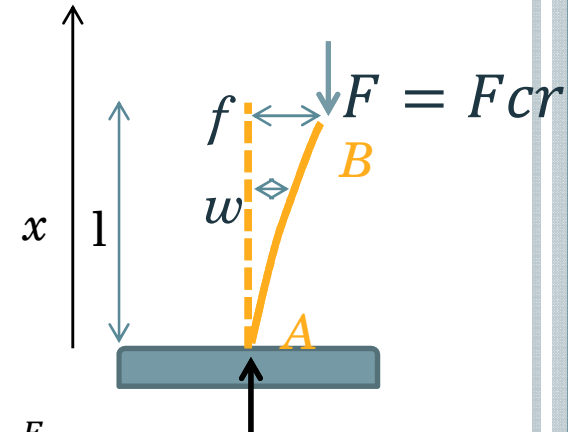
# BUCKLING

- buckling moment, equation of the beam elastic line

- $M = -F(f - w) = -\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} EI$

- $\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = \frac{F}{EI_{min}} (f - w)$

- $\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = \frac{F}{EI_{min}} u$  *harmonic oscillator equation*,  $\alpha^2 = \frac{F}{EI_{min}}$  to simplify calculations



- $w = A\sin(\alpha x) - B\cos(\alpha x) + f$ , *integrated equation of the beam elastic line*

- boundary conditions at point A,  $x = 0$

- $w(0) = A\sin(\alpha 0) - B\cos(\alpha 0) + f = 0 \Rightarrow B = -f$

- $w'(0) = A\cos(\alpha 0) + B\sin(\alpha 0) = A\cos(\alpha 0)$

- $\cos(\alpha l) = 0$  (critical states),  $\alpha l = (2n - 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- minimal critical force  $n=1$

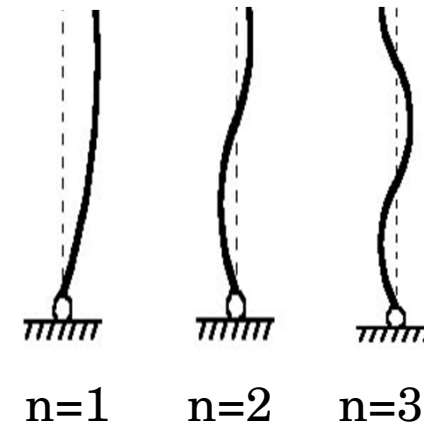
- $F_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$



# BUCKLING

## ○ buckling modes

- if the force  $F = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2} (2n - 1)^2$ ,  $n \in N$  related to  $F = (2n - 1)^2 F_{cr}$ 
  - spaghetti forms a sinusoidal line
  - depending on the relation – different buckling modes
  - **greatest deflection – highest stress point**



## ○ critical buckling force

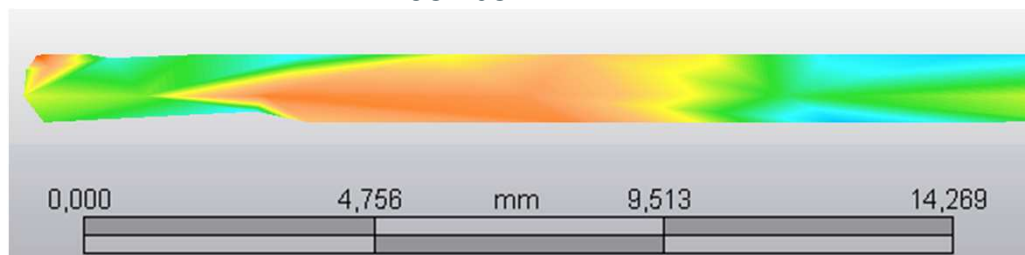
- $F_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$ 
  - °1  $0.33 N$ , °2  $0.58 N$ , °3  $0.72 N$ , °4  $0.91 N$ , °5  $1.20 N$
- even the smallest impact forces exceed these values!
  - buckling deformation occurs
- since surface reaction force is not related to  $F_{cr}$ 
  - IRREGULAR BUCKING MODE
    - greatest probability fracture points - simulation



# FRACTURE POINT

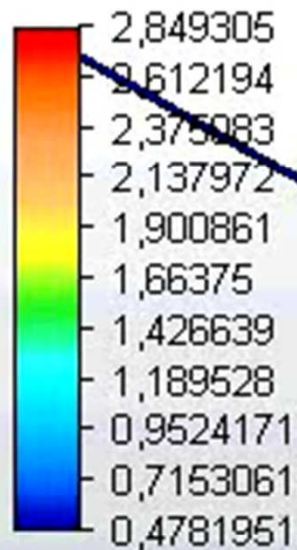
- irregular buckling modes
- debris length measured
  - most probable values and simulation compared
- simulation
- AutoCAD, Autodesk simulation multiphysics
  - measured material properties and spaghetti dimension
  - force acting conditions
    - whole surface, directioned through spaghetti
  - ~gradual mesh

- highest stress point
- ← center →



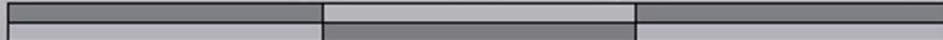
# FRACTURE POINT

Stress  
von Mises  
N/(mm<sup>2</sup>)



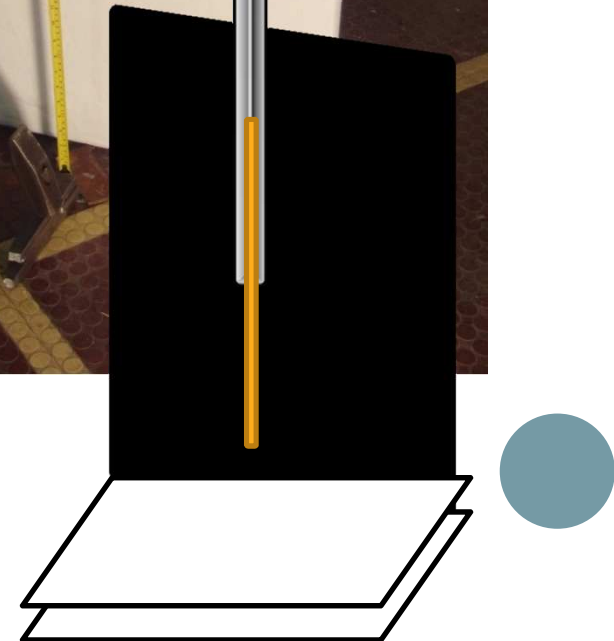
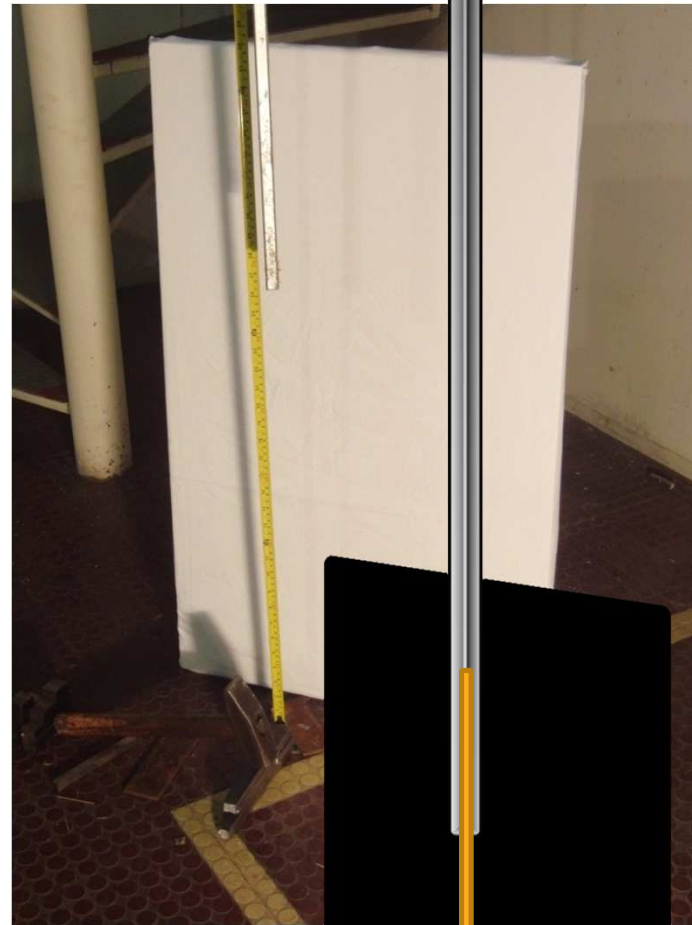
- highest stress points
  - most probable fracture point
- mashing conditions
  - free ends
  - force acting on the whole cross-section

0,000      4,756      mm      9,513      14,269



## EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

- directed through a long vertical pipe
- obtaining ~equal impact velocities
- recording the process camera
  - 120 fps
  - impact time and velocity evaluation
- debris measured
  - fracture point
  - probability of fracture



# PARAMETERS

- weakest fracture force
- spaghetti size
  - Young's modulus, area inertia moment, mass
- surface hardness
- impact angle
  - buckling and bending
- surface roughness
- number of spaghetti
  - interactions during the fall



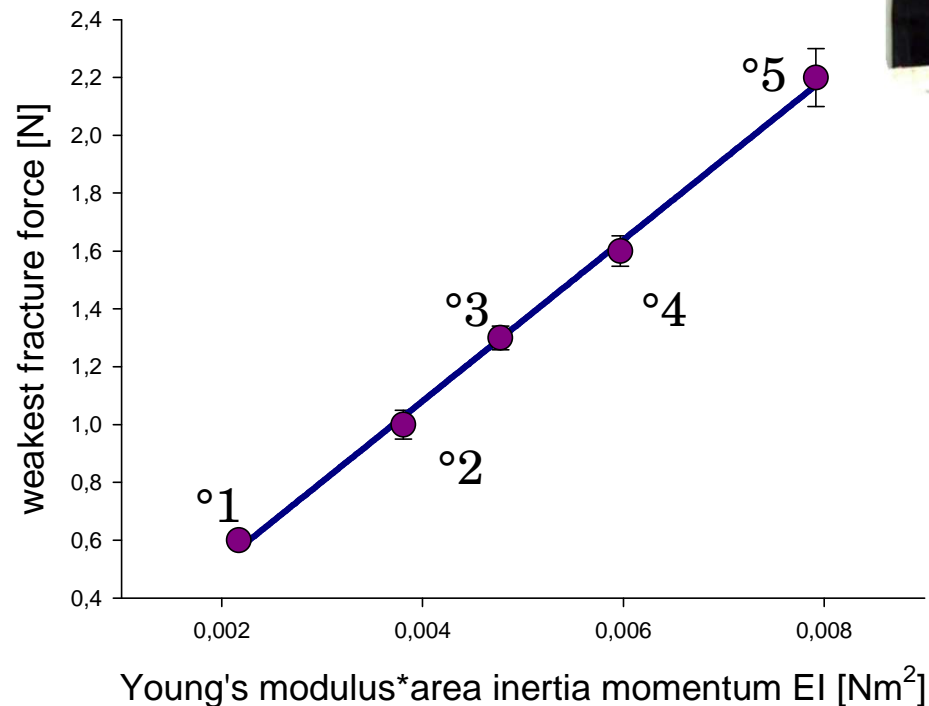
# SPAGHETTI SIZE DEPENDENCE

## YOUNG'S MODULUS

- $F = a \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$  *a - relation to critical buckling force*
- $F = m \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$  - evaluated from video
- $F/F_{cr} \sim 2 = (2n - 1)^2$ 
  - buckling mode  $\sim n = 1.21$



repeated measurements  
marked spaghetti  
image sequence observed

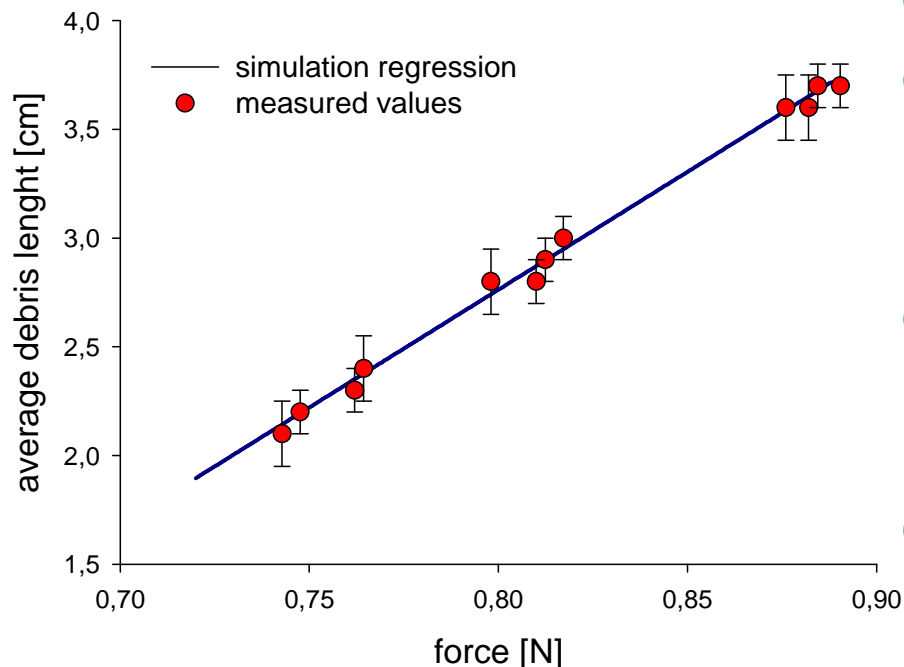


# SPAGHETTI SIZE DEPENDENCE

## YOUNG'S MODULUS

- on a narrow force scale

- smaller debris length is proportional to impact force
  - mode slightly changes
- simulation and measured values agreement



- °1 spaghetti – 3 initial heights

- metal surface – steel

- debris length zero at

- $F = 0.56 \text{ N}$

- estimated from the simulation

- experimental value

- $F = 0.59 \pm 0.03 \text{ N}$



# SURFACE DEPENDENCE

## ○ HB – Brinell hardness

- steel 120HB
- (oak) wood 3.8HB
- rubber not comparable
- rough/smooth stone 35HB

## ○ DIFFERENT SURFACE

- impact duration
- velocity after impact
  - losses due to surface deformation



# SURFACE DEPENDENCE HARDNES

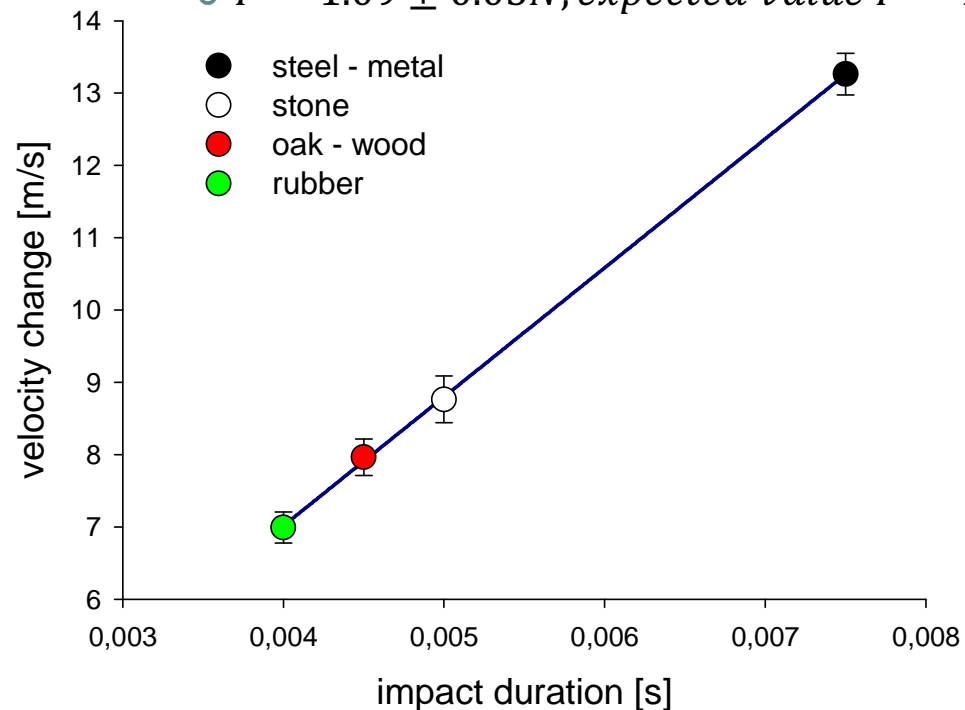
- necessary force remains the same

$$F = m \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = m \frac{v_0 + v_1}{\Delta t}$$

- $v_0$  velocity before impact ~shared,  $v_1$  velocity after impact varies!

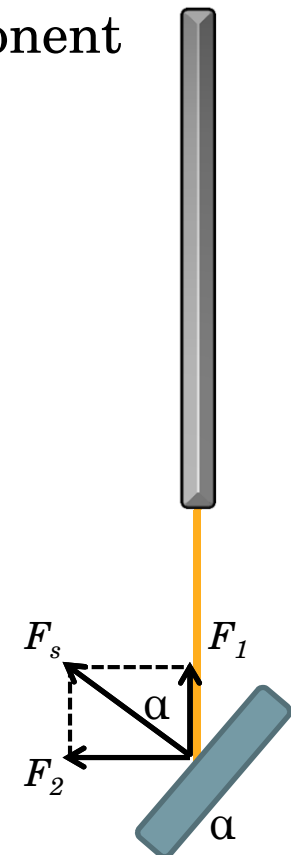
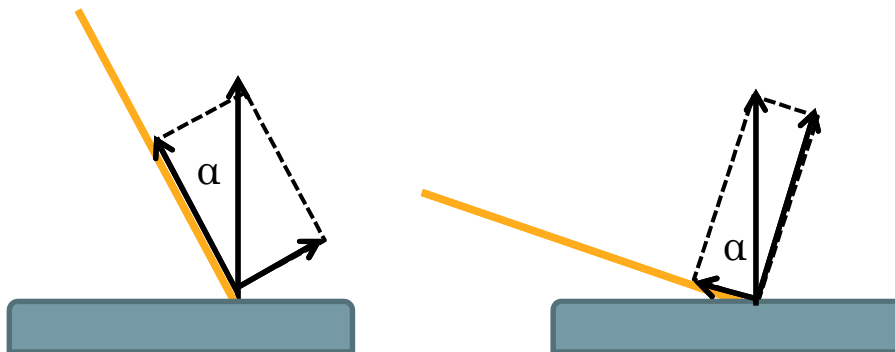
- linear fit coefficient =  $\frac{\text{force}}{\text{mass}}$

- $F = 1.09 \pm 0.05N$ , expected value  $F = 1.10 \pm 0.02N$  spaghetti °2



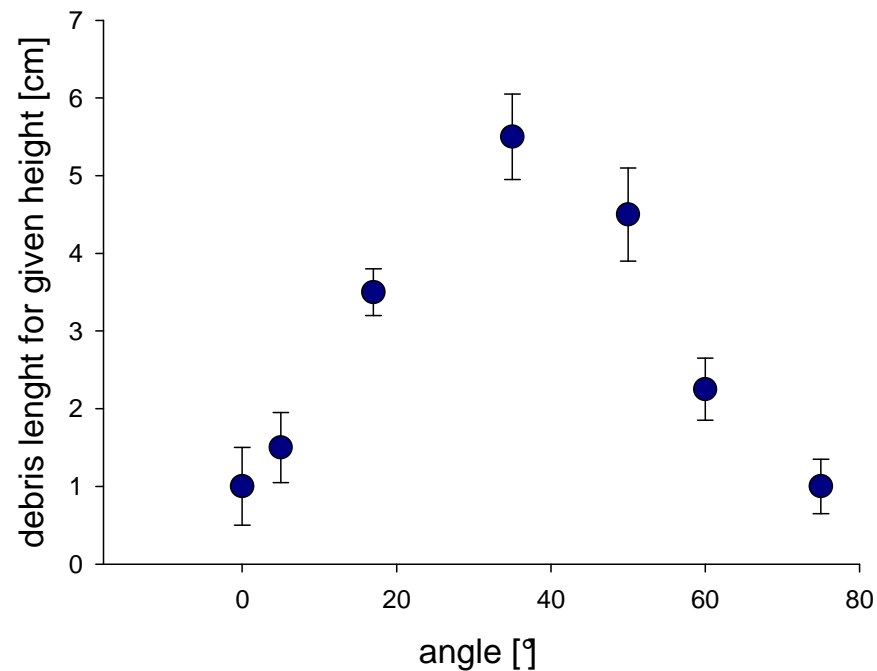
# IMPACT ANGLE DEPENDENCE

- tube remains vertical
  - surface changes angle, smooth stone surface
- surface reaction force is vertical to the surface  $F_s$ 
  - buckling  $F_1 = F_s \cos \alpha$  and bending  $F_2 = F_s \sin \alpha$  component
- as the impact angle  $\alpha$  increases
  - bending force becomes more significant ( $F_s \sin \alpha$ )
    - structures are more sensitive to bending displacements
  - *after a certain angle*
    - friction force is not great enough to keep the spaghetti steady
    - it slides of the surface – no fracture

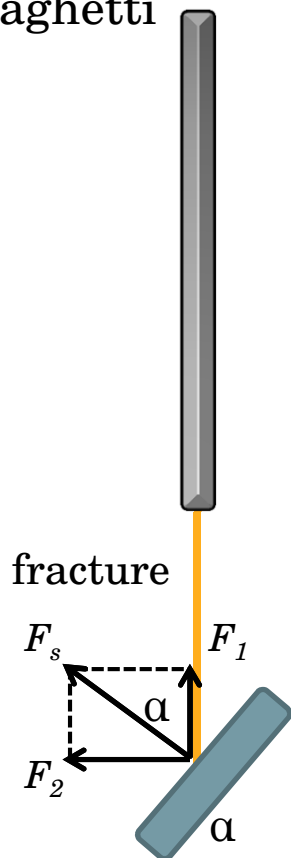


# IMPACT ANGLE DEPENDENCE

- complex buckling/bending relation
  - as the angle increases, bending gains significance over buckling
    - structures break more easily under bending loads
  - angle  $\sim 30^\circ$  friction force is not great enough to keep the spaghetti steady
    - slides – no fracture

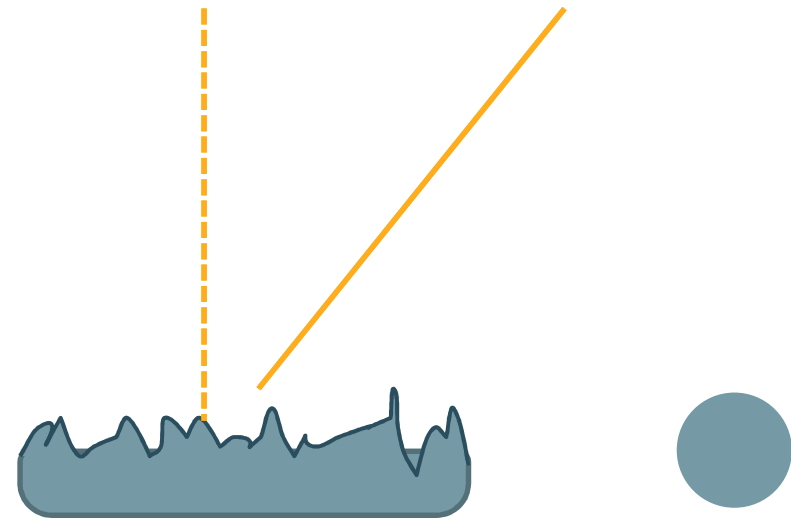
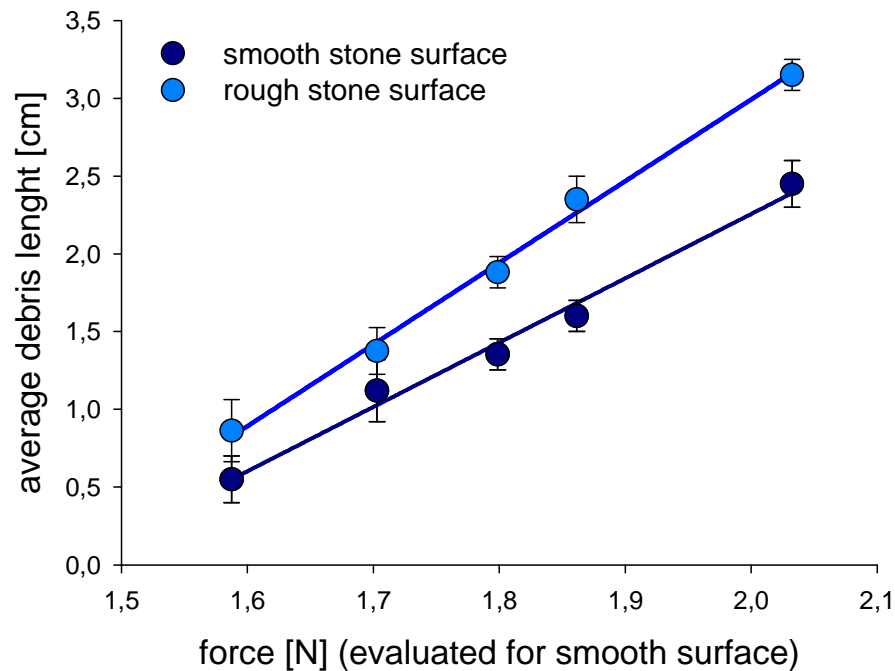


- tube height 3.25 m
- spaghetti  $\varnothing 2$
- at angles exceeding  $80^\circ$  no fracture



# SURFACE DEPENDENCE ROUGHNESS

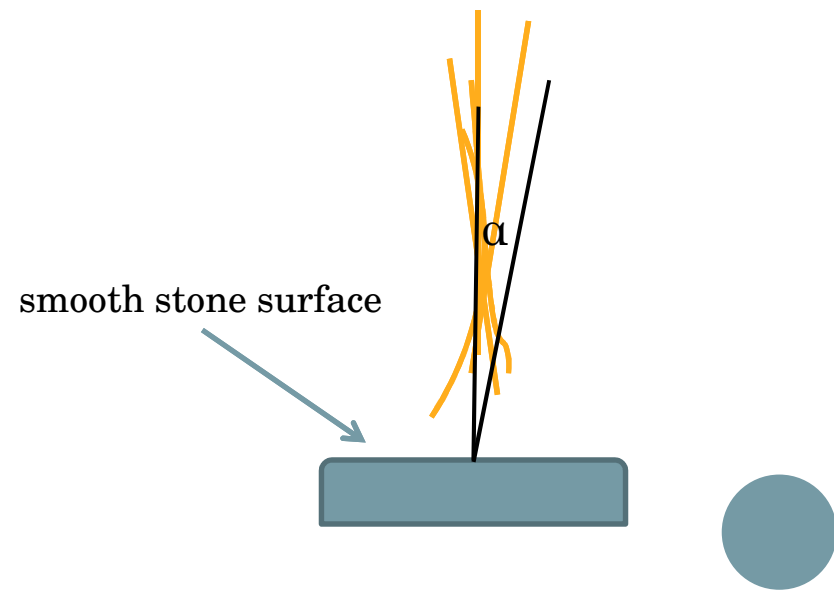
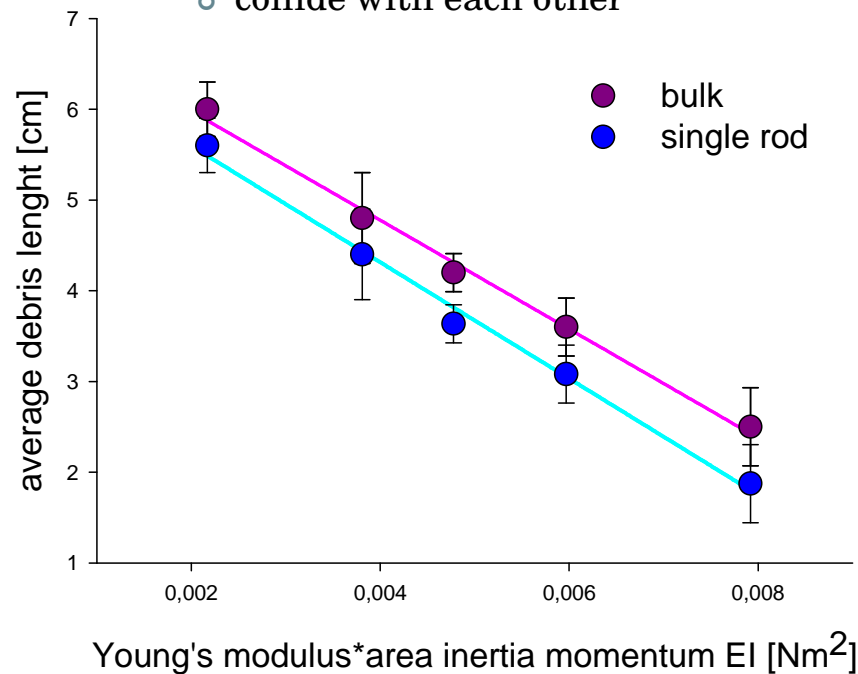
- spaghetti °4, same stone two sides – rough, smooth
- rough stone surface changes the spaghetti impact angle (surface imperfections)
  - greater angle results in more bending deformation – longer debris
- debris length zero for smooth surface (regression linear coefficient)
  - $F = 1.46 \pm 0.02N$  expected value (smooth)  $F = 1.48 \pm 0.01N$



# SINGLE ROD / BULK

## DEBRIS LENGTH COMPARISON

- too many movements for the force to be evaluated on camera
  - *force and debris length are proportional*
  - *on the same height  $\approx$  same force*
- spaghetti interact in a bulk
  - change direction, hit the surface under a small angle
    - greater angle results in more bending deformation – longer debris
    - collide with each other



# CONCLUSION

- theoretical explanation buckling
- conducted experiment
  - conditions under which spaghetti does not break
  - lowest fracture impact forces at vertical fall
    - °1  $F = 0.59 \pm 0.03N$
    - °2  $F = 1.10 \pm 0.02N$
    - °3  $F = 1.29 \pm 0.02 N$
    - °4  $F = 1.48 \pm 0.01N$
    - °5  $F = 2.26 \pm 0.03 N$
- debris length at a force → *zero debris length*
  - predicted using simulation and measured – agreement
- surface hardness dependence
  - same minimum fracture forces
    - different impact duration and velocity change - confirmation
- impact angle dependence
  - surface roughness dependence
  - number of spaghetti falling
    - changes the bending/buckling influence on displacements



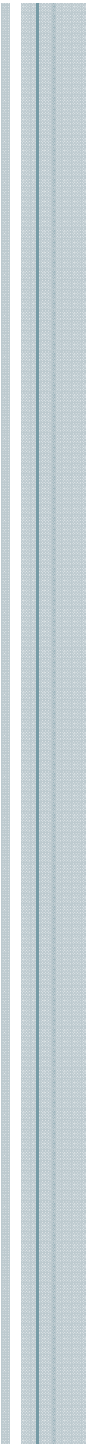
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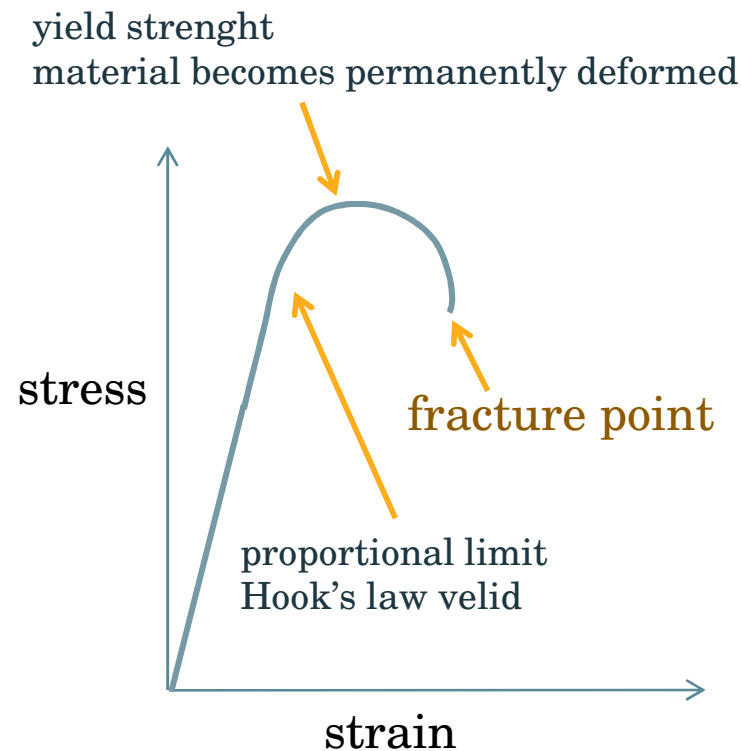
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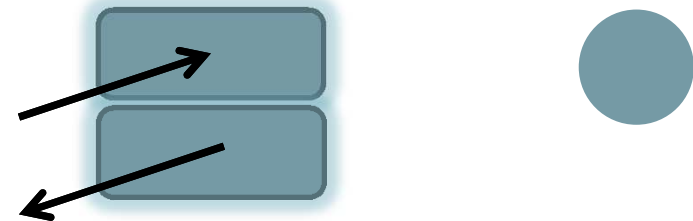
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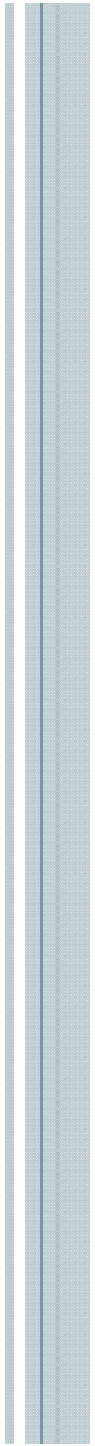
- typical stress strain curve for brittle materials
- Hook's diagram



$$\text{stress } \sigma = \frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta x}{x_0}$$
$$\text{strain } \frac{\Delta x}{x_0}$$

- fracture modes
  - *tearing mode = sliding mode*
    - for a long thin object





# AREA MOMENT OF INERTIA

- property of a cross section

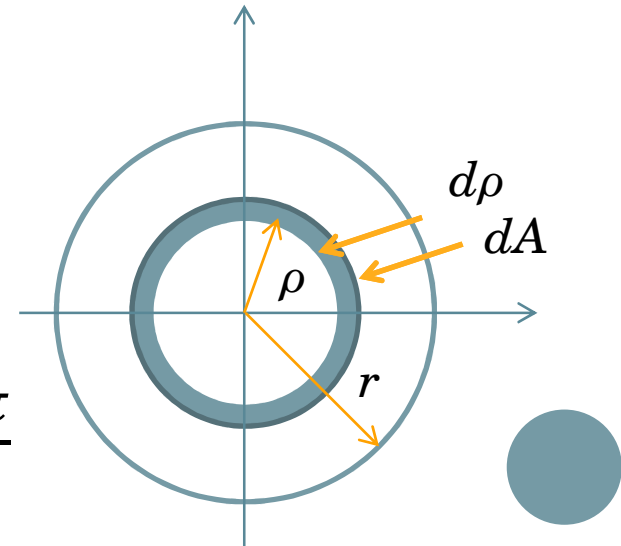
- geometrically: the strain in the beam
  - maximum at the top
  - decrease linearly to zero at the medial axis
  - continues to decrease linearly to the bottom
    - energy stored in a cross-sectional slice of the bent beam
      - proportional to the sum of the square of the distance to the medial axis

- circle

- symmetrical (same on every axis)

- $dA = 2\pi\rho d\rho$

- $I = \int_A \rho^2 dA = \int_0^r 2\pi\rho^3 d\rho = \frac{r^4\pi}{2}$

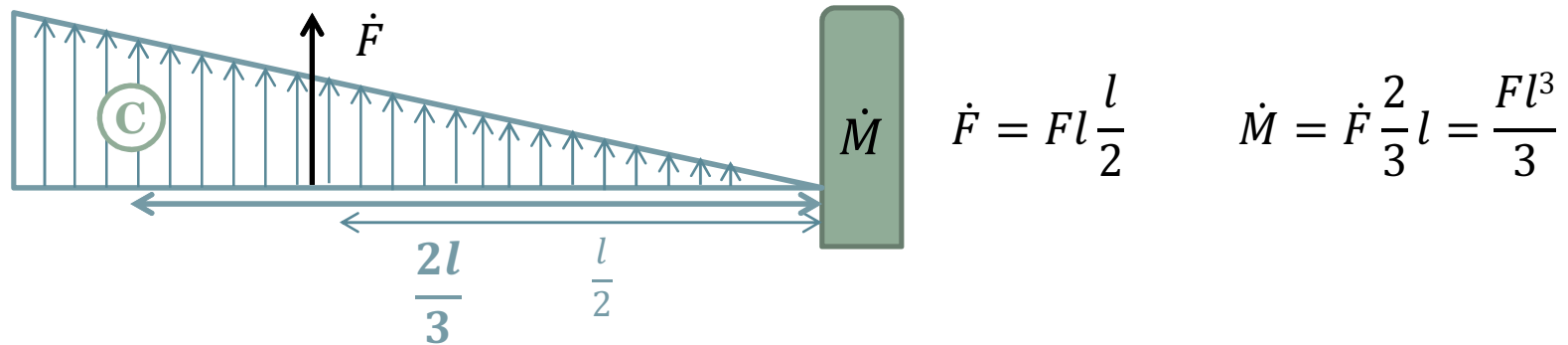
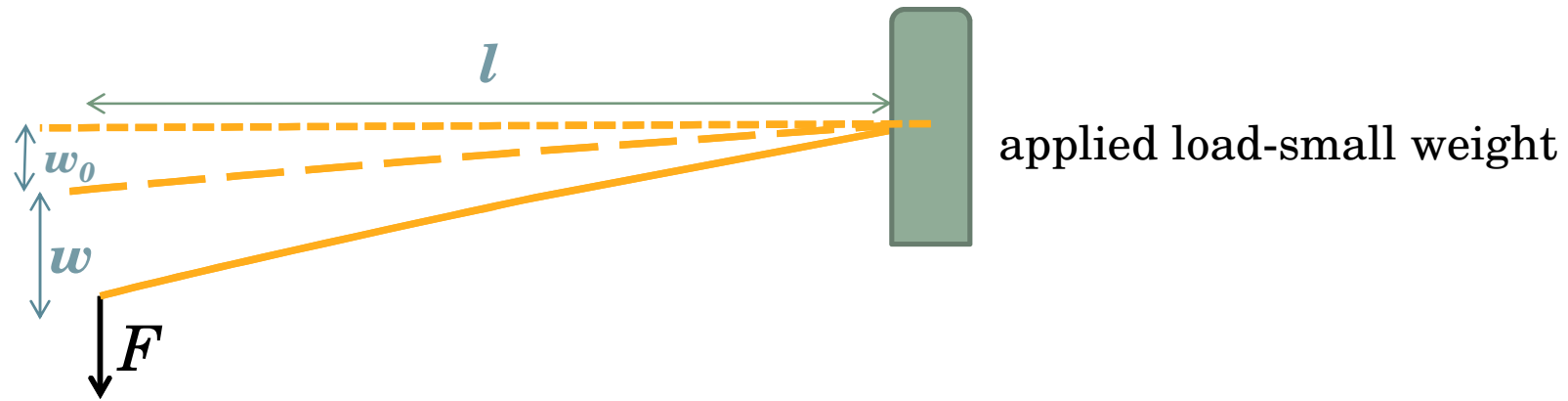


# BEAM DEFLECTION METHOD

- beams with complex loads, boundary deflections
- equation of the elastic line for a beam  $M = M_F = \frac{d^2w}{dx^2} EI$ 
  - load intensity and bending moment relation  $\frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = -q$
  - consider probe beam with load intensity of  $\dot{q} = M$ 
    - same shaped stress diagram as the bending moment of our beam
  - *probe beam bending moment*  $\frac{d^2\dot{M}}{dx^2} = -\dot{q} = -M = -\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} EI$ 
    - $EId^2w = d^2\dot{M}$  *integrating*
    - $EIw = M + Cx + D$  – *boundary condition (fixed end,  $D = 0, C = 0$ )*
  - $w = \frac{\dot{M}}{EI}$

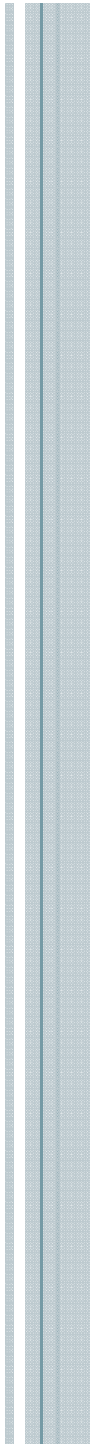


# BEAM DEFLECTION METHOD



- $\dot{F}$  probe beam force
- $\dot{M}$  probe beam bending moment

$$w = \frac{\dot{M}}{EI} = \frac{Fl^3}{3EI} \text{ deflection - load } F$$



# SIMULATION REGRESSION

